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To Whom it May Concern,

I disagree with the definition given for API by Definition A. As a software Developer, I believe ALL Windows APIs should be disclosed, thus all operating system interfaces for application programs should be made public. Thus the current PFJ definition for API is not sufficient, since the interfaces between Microsoft Middleware and Microsoft Windows are possibly only a subset of all Windows APIs.

If all operating system interfaces were made public and documented this would take the edge away from Microsoft, but also allow all developers, not just Microsoft engineers with special knowledge of system APIs, to create programs that use the Windows OS more efficiently, thus giving the end users a better product experience.

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